

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed May 29, 2002. Applicant also appreciates the allowance of claims 29 and 31-38.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 43 and 45-56 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Examiner stated that the claims were enabled for polypeptides encoded by nucleic acid molecules which hybridize to the complement of the recited nucleic acid molecules, but not for polypeptides encoded by molecules which themselves hybridize to one the of the recited nucleic acid molecules. Applicant has amended claims 43 and 45-56 as suggested by the Examiner to recite a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to "the complement of" the recited nucleic acid molecule.

The Examiner rejected claims 51-56 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly containing new matter. Applicant have cancelled claims 51-56.

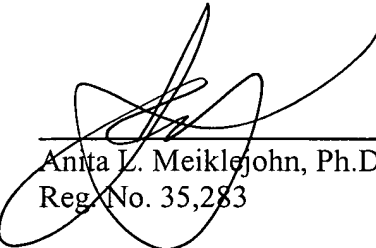
In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

Conclusion

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Respectfully submitted,

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